

# THE GAZETTE

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## Closures for Thanksgiving

- Brussels Finance Office will be closed Nov. 24 to 25, due to the Thanksgiving holiday observance.

- Chièvres commissary will be closed Nov. 24 to 25 due to Thanksgiving holiday observance.

## Driver training at SHAPE

An Intermediate Driver Training Course will be hosted at Transportation Division on SHAPE, building 220, room 113, Nov. 22 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The target audience is Soldiers under 26 years of age. Registration required at DSN 361-6114 or civilian 068-276114

## Digital Training Facility

The DTF on Chièvres Air Base will close Nov. 29 to Jan. 8 for HVAC system replacement. The DTF is free for use to all U.S. military and civilians for all training needs, including group events, individual training, and video teleconferences. For more information on the DTF, call DSN 361-6104 or civilian 068-276104.

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## Community remembers Armistice Day, Veterans Day

Maj. Cesar Ocasio, USAG Benelux Provost Marshal, André Desmarlières, Mayor of Brugelette and Fernand Delesenne, Belgian veteran pay respect after laying a wreath honoring the World War I victims in Brugelette, Friday, Nov. 11, 2016. Col. Kurt Connell attended the Armistice Day ceremony in Chièvres also held Friday, Nov. 11, 2016.

# WWII, Korean War veteran dies at 90

by **Kristin Ellis**  
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Ernest Peterson, a veteran of the Pacific theater of World War II, the Korean War, and member of the Benelux Retiree Community, credited his world travels for his accepting nature.

"I've been all over the world and came across all sorts of people during the war and since," Peterson remembered in a written piece entitled "Memories of World War II." "It taught me to be tolerant to other ways of life and I made a point of passing down my attitude to differences to my children."

Peterson, who worked at SHAPE and Chièvres for 14 years before retiring in the mid-90's, died Nov. 14. He was 90.

Peterson enlisted in the United States Navy in 1942 at just 17 years old and trained as an assault boat coxswain and Underwater Demolition Team member.

Peterson spent the next few years aboard the USS West Point protecting the Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth, two of America's largest troopships in WWII from German submarine attack.

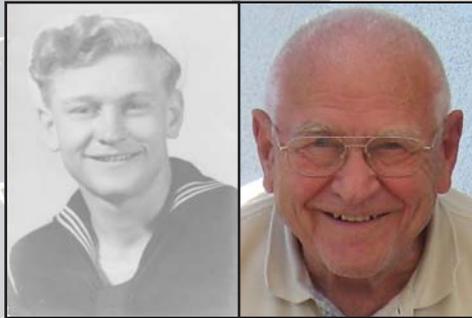
While serving in Guadalcanal, a yeoman noticed Peterson had UDT training and said they needed him in a heavily-mined area on the enemy-controlled beach.

Peterson lost most of his hearing for a month after an underwater mine exploded before he could reach the surface. Peterson refused to leave his fellow sailors for treatment back in the U.S.

He was then assigned to an assault boat for the Invasion of Iwo Jima. The Navy ran the assault boats right to the beach and lowered the ramps; the Marines went ashore and had to cross about 75-meters of open beach to the dunes which provided some protection from Japanese fire, Peterson recalled.

"Marine casualties were horrific... the beach was covered," he wrote.

With each landing craft run to the beach, Marines were



Ernest Peterson. (Courtesy photos)

increasingly reluctant to leave the boats. Peterson's job quickly became more than just getting Marines ashore; he needed to get them out of the boat and onto the beach.

"My clear orders... were to not, under any circumstance, return with Marines aboard," Peterson remembered. After three Marines refused to leave the boat, Peterson "argues and begged them to

go ashore, reminding them that their buddies needed them and that, if they returned to the ship they faced immediate court-martial and permanent shame."

Peterson estimated he made 15 landings on Iwo Jima under enemy fire.

In retrospect, Peterson wrote that he was glad his children had not known the terrible experiences of WWII and hoped they never will.

"Sometimes I feel that all the pain, all the suffering, all the agony that we endured then have helped build a better world," he wrote. "But I also get the impression at times that all we did has long been forgotten and has come to nothing at all."

After serving nine months providing naval gun support for troops ashore during the Korean War, Peterson volunteered for a mission in the Arctic. He and his Navy team worked with Harvard University to study weather and climate at a base about 200 miles from the North Pole.

"When I learned that the temperatures dropped to 60 degrees below zero, this Florida boy decided to 'un-volunteer,'" he wrote.

On a port call in Cannes, Peterson met his future wife, Marinette, at a USO dance party. They were married for more than 50 years with two adult children, each with two children.

The cremation is Nov. 17 at 3:30 p.m. at the crematorium in Caudry, France, near Maroilles.

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# U.S. Army Europe to increase presence across Eastern Europe

by **Ray Johnson**

Chief of Public Affairs, IMCOM-Europe

As U.S. Secretary of Defense Ash Carter announced in Brussels recently, U.S. Army Europe is preparing for an increased presence across the European theater to contribute to and strengthen the alliance's deterrence and defense. Yesterday, the U.S. Department of the Army announced the first rotational units to deploy in support of those efforts.

"Everything we're about to do -- everything we've been planning here at U.S. Army Europe for these rotational units -- comes from the alliance's decisions at the Wales and Warsaw summits," said Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, U.S. Army Europe commander. "These activities are the embodiment of the United States' commitment to deterring aggression and defending our European allies and partners."

The 3rd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division, from Fort Carson, Colorado, will arrive in Europe in January. Their arrival will mark the beginning of the heel-to-toe rotation of U.S.-based armored brigades to Europe; in other words, the continuous presence of an armored brigade combat team and back-to-back rotations of U.S. troops and equipment.

The full set of 3/4 ABCT equipment will arrive at the port in Bremerhaven, Germany, in January and then move by rail, commercial line haul and military convoy to Poland where the brigade will consolidate before distributing units across seven countries from Estonia to Bulgaria beginning in February. Over the course of their nine-month rotation, 3/4 ABCT will routinely move units across the region to participate in training events and exercises.

The armored brigade will initially consolidate in western Poland, centered on the training areas at Drawsko Pomorskie and Zagan. Following this initial consolidation, the brigade will establish itself at various operating locations through the region. The brigade headquarters; brigade engineering and support battalions; 3rd Battalion, 29th Field Artillery Regiment; and 4th Squadron, 10th Cavalry Regiment, will operate from existing Polish military installations in Zagan, Swietoszow, Skwierzyna, and Boleslawiec.

From the consolidation sites in Poland, 1st Battalion, 68th Armor Regiment, will move to the Baltic nations and remain positioned there until NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence, or EFP, battle groups are in place and then will rotate throughout Europe to participate in exercises as requested. The 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, will support Operation Atlantic Resolve activities primarily in Bulgaria and Romania. The 1st Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, will move to the Grafenwöhr Training Area, Germany, where it will conduct training and maintenance to build and sustain readiness.

As part of the expansion of the rotational U.S. presence, the Army will continue to invest in the training and mission command capabilities at Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria, and Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania, to support a persistent and continuous armored presence in the Black Sea region.

In addition to the rotational armored brigade, the Army will



Col. Kurt P. Connell, Commander USAG Benelux salutes during a ceremony on Volkstrauertag, the German National Day of Mourning, in Dülmen, November 13, 2016. (U.S. Army photo by Marie-Lise Baneton)

provide a rotational combat aviation brigade to the European theater to support Operation Atlantic Resolve and other joint and multinational efforts. By the end of March, the 10th Combat Aviation Brigade from Fort Drum, New York, will arrive in Europe for a nine-month rotation. The brigade will be headquartered in Illersheim, Germany, and will forward deploy aircraft in Latvia, Romania, and Poland to enhance the alliance's ability to deter aggression.

Armored and aviation brigade rotations are scheduled into the foreseeable future, though specific units have not yet been identified. Their presence enhances the deterrence capabilities available to the U.S. Army Europe and U.S. European Command commanders to respond to potential crises and assist in the defense of our allies and partners in the European community.

To oversee these rotational forces, the 4th Infantry Division headquarters, which has been

the regionally aligned division headquarters for Europe since 2015, will continue to be the tactical headquarters for all U.S. land forces conducting activities in support of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Based in Baumholder, Germany, the 4th ID Mission Command Element is the forward deployed headquarters element that provides U.S. Army Europe a division-level command and control capability.

"The 4th Infantry Division Mission Command Element is integral to Army Europe's ability to conduct Operation Atlantic Resolve missions," Hodges said. "They're a small element -- less than 100 Soldiers -- but they make a huge impact in the theater by controlling so many moving parts."

It is important to note the expansion of rotational forces is separate and distinct from NATO's eFP battle groups. Both will contribute to the alliance's deterrence and defense capabilities, but the rotational armored and aviation forces will remain under U.S. command. The rotational forces will focus on strengthening capabilities and sustaining readiness through bilateral and multinational training and exercises. The United States, as the framework nation for the Poland-based NATO eFP unit, will deploy 2nd Squadron, 2nd Stryker

Cavalry Regiment (2/2 CR), based in Vilseck, Germany, to Orzysz, Poland, in April 2017.

Starting in September 2016, the Army began assembling additional Army Prepositioned Stocks for storage in Europe. The additional APS set will consist of equipment and ammunition required to support armored division-sized force. These capabilities reduce deployment timelines, improve our deterrence capabilities and provide additional combat power to U.S. European Command for use in contingency operations. The equipment can also be drawn for use in training and exercises.

While some of this APS equipment was previously used by rotating brigade combat teams in Europe, the majority of additional APS equipment is being sourced from across the Army. Equipment will be stored at facilities in Eygelshoven, the Netherlands; Zutendaal, Belgium; and Miesau and Dülmen, Germany.

## USAG Benelux Army Post Office - Holiday Hours

<i>14 November - 23 December</i>						
APO	SECTION	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>SHAPE</b>	<i>Finance Window</i>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>
	<i>Parcel pick-up</i>	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730
<b>Chièvres</b>	<i>Finance Window</i>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>	<b>0800-1700</b>
	<i>Parcel pick-up</i>	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730	0730-1730
<b>Brussels</b>	<i>Finance Window</i>	<b>0730-1630</b>	<b>0730-1630</b>	<b>0730-1630</b>	<b>0730-1630</b>	<b>0730-1630</b>
	<i>Parcel pick-up</i>	0730-1700	0730-1700	0730-1700	0730-1700	0730-1700
<b>Schinnen</b>	<i>Finance Window</i>	<b>0900-1600</b>	<b>0900-1730</b>	<b>0900-1730</b>	<b>0900-1730</b>	<b>0900-1730</b>
	<i>Parcel pick-up</i>	0800-1600	0800-1730	0800-1730	0800-1730	0800-1730
<b>Brunssum</b>	<i>Finance Window</i>	<b>1000-1400</b>	<b>1000-1400</b>	<b>1000-1400</b>	<b>1000-1400</b>	<b>1000-1400</b>
	<i>Parcel pick-up</i>	0900-1800	0900-1800	0900-1800	0900-1800	0900-1630

### USAG Benelux Army Post Office - New customer service hours

<b>Post offices closures</b>		<i>Beginning 27 December</i>					
Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving							
Dec. 26 - Christmas							
Jan. 1 - New Year's							
<b>Holiday mailing deadlines</b>		APO	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Nov. 25	SAM Parcels	<b>SHAPE</b>	1000-1700	Closed	1000-1700	Package pick up until 1730	0900-1200
Dec. 2	PAL Parcels	<b>Chièvres</b>	1000-1700	Closed	1000-1700		0900-1200
Dec. 9	Priority parcels	<b>Brussels</b>	Closed	1000-1600	1000-1700		1000-1600
Dec. 9	First class letters	<b>Schinnen</b>	Closed	1300-1730	1300-1730	1300-1730	1300-1730
Dec. 16	Express mail	<b>Brunssum</b>	1000-1400	Closed	1000-1400	Closed	1000-1400

## Upcoming organized trips

### SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Lord of the Dance in Oostende, Nov. 19**
- **Ice Magic Hasselt, Nov. 26**
- **German Christmas markets (Rothenburg, Frankfurt/Main and Aachen), Dec. 3 to 4**
- **German Christmas markets (Bonn/Cologne), Dec. 10**
- **German Christmas markets (Dortmund, Berlin and Potsdam), Dec. 16 to 18**
- **Paris in winter, Dec. 27**
- **New Year's in London, Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2017 (Sign up by Nov. 16.)**
- **London with Aladdin, Feb. 4, 2017**
- **Prague, Czech Republic, Feb. 25 to March 1, 2017**
- **Lloret de Mar and Barcelona, Spain, April 3 to 12,**

### 2017 (spring break)

- **Crete, Spa and Middelkerke, all year**

### SHAPE Travel Group

For details, visit <http://www.facebook.com/groups/SHAPETravelGroup>.

- **Cologne Christmas markets, Nov. 22**
- **Valkenburg, the Netherlands, Nov. 29**
- **Canterbury, Dec. 8**
- **Paris Lights, Dec. 15**
- **London sales, Jan. 19, 2017**

### Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Paris, Nov. 19**
- **Cologne Christmas Markets, Dec. 3**
- **London Express, Dec. 17**
- **Malgrat de Mar, Spain, April 14 to 23, 2017**

## ALL COMMUNITIES

### Register now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - To sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824 for SHAPE ACS, DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783 for Brussels ACS and DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437500.
- **Nov. 23: Saving and Investments** - Allow community members to visit and discuss topics of broad financial interest: basic budgeting, retirement planning, insurance, thrift savings plan, general financial planning, using credit and making wise financial decisions from 10 a.m. to noon.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 12. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is \$40 and open until Dec. 31. Cheerleading season runs from Jan. 3 to March 19, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee.
- **CYSS Youth Sports & Fitness Winter Basketball** - Open to children ages three to 15. Spaces are limited based on availability of court space and volunteer coaches. Registration is open until Dec. 31. Basketball season runs from Jan. 3 to Feb. 27, 2017. Volunteer coaches are needed and will receive a discounted registration fee. For more information on winter cheerleading and basketball registration fees, practice times, and sports physical requirements, contact the Youth Sports and Fitness Office at DSN 368-9539 or 02-7179539.

### Nov. 17

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - BBQ chicken and ribs, salads and baked beans as of 5:30 p.m. Cost: adults \$12, children, ages 12 and under, \$6. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

### Nov. 18

- **Take Away Pizza** - Order a pizza from 4 to 8 p.m. at the 3 Star and choose from multiple sizes and among various toppings. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819 for more information and to place your order.
- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join Brussels community every Friday at the 3 Star for recreation nights featuring games, cards, music, movies. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

## SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **"It's All About You"** - Army Community Service Resiliency Seminar "It's All About You" in the SHAPE 100 Area Auditorium in Building 102's Room 115 **Dec. 2** from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. This seminar will present motivational speaker Joseph Oubelkas of the Netherlands and Charles Ruffolo of NetworKing. To register for this event and for information about the shuttle, contact Brussels ACS at DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783.

### Nov. 18

- **Fun for Kids** - Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other kids at the Community Recreation Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You can get together a game of pick-up basketball or play on bouncy castles. It's also great opportunity for newcomers to the community to make new friends. More information at DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

### Nov. 22

- **Holiday season market** - Held at the Arts & Crafts Centre, SHAPE, building 307, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Nov. 24

- **BOSS Community Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner** - Bring your favorite dish to share with everyone. Boss will take care of roasting the turkeys. In addition to dinner, there will be entertainment in the form of games and activities. It starts at 2 p.m. at the Community Activity Center. For more information or to register, call DSN 361-6820 or Civilian 068-276820.
- **CYSS Thanksgiving Lunch celebration** - Held at the Youth Center, building 503. Parents are invited to join. Registration needed at DSN 366-6839/6797/6812 or civilian 065-32-6839/6797/6812.

### Tickets available now

- **SHAPE Performing Arts Centre** - Winner of the Tony and the Drama Desk Awards for Best Book, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" will be shown at 7:30 p.m. **Nov. 17, 18 and 19.** Matinee performances will be at 3 p.m. **Nov. 20.** For details on ticket sales, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312 Tuesday through Friday from 1 to 6 p.m.

## New operating hours

### At the Chièvres Fitness Center:

Monday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Tuesday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Wednesday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Thursday 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Friday 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 Sunday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 U.S. Holidays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
 USAREUR Training Holidays 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

### At the Chièvres Outdoor Recreation:

Tuesday-Friday noon - 6 p.m.  
 Saturday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

### Register now

- **Veteran's Administration One-On-One Appointment** - The Veteran's Administration (VA) will have a staff member at JFC Brunssum Library Conference Room on **Nov. 21-22 & 28** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to meet with anyone who would like a one-on-one appointment. If you have any questions about your Veteran's benefits, now or in the future, this is the person to speak with. To schedule an appointment, please call DSN: 314-606-244-3848 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263848.
- **Babysitting Certification Course** - This free course is held **Nov. 21-25** from 4 to 7 p.m. every day at JFC Brunssum MST. We need a minimum of 5 participants and a maximum of 10. Participants must be 13-18 years of age and be registered with CYS Services. For more information contact DSN 606.244.3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5263121.
- **JFC Chapel Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner** - Register by Nov. 18. The potluck is **Nov. 24** at the JFC Brunssum Alliance Restaurant from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring a dish or two to share. To register, sign up on the bulletin board in the chapel foyer, first floor.
- **Jr. Girls Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages 13 to 15 until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Co-ed Basketball** - Enrollment is open for ages three to 15 years until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. This is for the 2017 season which runs from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$20 for children 3 to 5 years old and \$40 for six to 15 year olds. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Cheerleading** - Open to children ages six to 15 years old until Nov. 25 (spaces are limited) at the CYSS on JFC Brunssum, Building H602. The 2017 season is from Jan. 17 to Feb. 25. Cost is \$40. You must be registered with CYS services and have a valid health assessment at the time of enrollment. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness for more information or details at DSN 606-244-3121 or civilian +31 (0)45-5264195.
- **Volleyball/Basketball League** - Schinnen Fitness Center is interested in having a volleyball league/basketball league within the Tri-Border communities. Players from Schinnen, Geilenkirchen, and Brunssum communities are all welcomed to participate (US and NATO ID card holders). Those interested in starting teams/leagues should stop by or contact the Schinnen Fitness Center, DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437561.

### Nov. 17-18

- **Host Nation Orientation/Newcomers' Tour** - From 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at USAG Benelux-Schinnen ACS. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about your new community, including local customs, culture, and language. Day one consists of local briefings from agencies and Dutch language and culture training. Day two, we go beyond the gate to learn and utilize the public transportation to visit points of interest in the community. For more information or to register, please call DSN 360-7512/7500 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437512/7500.

### Nov. 18

- **Karaoke** - Join in the fun and show everyone what you got on the third Friday of every month. Karaoke starts at 6 p.m. in building 40. For more information, call DSN 360-7207 or civilian +31 (0)46-4437207

### Ongoing ACS courses

- **Meditation Mondays** - Every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Come join us and begin the week by slowing down, getting centered, and quieting your mind.
- **Schinnen 10,000 Steps Club** - Every Tuesday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come join us for a walk on this stroller friendly trail to work toward a healthy goal of walking 10,000 steps a day while socializing and meeting new people.

## Movies at Events Centre during SHAPE Cinema renovations

The Events Centre dinner theater is now open during SHAPE Cinema renovations. The cinema is expected to reopen in February. The ECDT ticket sales are as follows: Rates – 2D movies: adults, €6.50; children, ages 12 and under, €3.75. 3D movies: adults, €8.50; children, ages 12 and under, €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon. Ticket sales begin 30 minutes prior to each showing. Films will start promptly. Wild Wednesday and Thrifty Thursday mean half-price popcorn and free movies as well as half-price pizza and calzone at the Pizza Bowl. Wednesday movies will be for teenagers and older. Thursday movies will be from the same film series (or related subject matter) as an upcoming film.

## Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Rates – adults, €6.50; children, ages 11 and under, €3.75. For the movie schedule, visit <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146>.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Nov. 17-19**

- **Brussels Innova 2016** - Held at Palais 10, Brussels Expo, this fair reveals all the secrets of the Big Bang. Check the inventions and innovations born this year from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Place de Belgique. For additional information, check [www.brussels-innova.com](http://www.brussels-innova.com).

**Nov. 19**

- **Flea market in Nivelles (70 booths)** - Held at Faubourg de Mons from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Secondhand toys, books, clothing and equipment for children in Lens** - Held at "La Piste" on Rue du Calvaire 6 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- **13 km run in Meslin l'Evêque (Ath)** - Registration starts at 12:30 p.m. for the run departing at 3 p.m. from Salle "La Couturelle," Chemin Preuscamp 18. Participating fee is €4.50.

**Nov. 19-20**

- **Inside flea market in Mouscron (200 booths)** - Held on Rue de Menin, 475 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Nov. 20**

- **Volksmarch in Bonsecours for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km** - Departs Rue des Sapins from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Chaussée-Notre-Dame-Louvignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km and Bicycle tour of 20 km** - Departs the school on Rue Joseph Quintart 129 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (200 booths)** - Held on the Cora parking from 5 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre (100 booths)** - Held on Avenue Salomé from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Flea market in Jemappes (200 booths)** - Held on Avenue Maréchal Foch from 4 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Mountain bike ride (15, 30 or 45 km) in Wihéries** - Registration is from 8 to 10:30 a.m. at the sports center Place du Jeu de Balle 25. Participating fee is €4.

**Ongoing**

**Through Nov. 27**

- **Watercolors exhibition in Mons** - held at the Maison de la Mémoire on Rue du Grand Trou Oudart from 9 a.m. to noon and from 2 to 5 p.m. during the week and from 2 to 5 p.m. during the weekend.

**Through Dec. 8**

- **Brussels museums late night opening** - Every Thursday at least five museums greet visitors from 5 to 10 p.m. Find the schedule and the list of participating museums at <http://brussel museumsnocturnes.be/en/>.

**Through March 5**

- **Picasso Sculptures Exhibition in Brussels** - Held at the Palais des Beaux-Arts on Rue Ravenstein 23. Find more information at <http://www.bozar.be/en>.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

**Nov. 18-24**

- **Indoor Winter Fair in Utrecht** - Held in Jaarbeurs, this fair gives visitors a taste of the coming festive month. Entry is €20. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Nov. 18 to Dec. 24**

- **Christmas market in a cave in Valkenburg** - Located in Gemeentegrot on Cauberg 4. Open Mondays to Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 23, noon to 6 p.m. Entry is €7; children 5 to 11, €5.

**Nov. 19-20**

- **Winter Fair in Kerkrade** at the Botanical Garden on St. Hubertuslaan 74 is open on both days from noon to 8 p.m. Entry is €4.

**Nov. 20-27**

- **International Art & Antique Fair in Amsterdam** - Every year more than hundred art and antique dealers participate with paintings, jewelry, design, silverwork, glass, statues, Asian art and more. Held at RAI, the fair is open daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Nov. 22, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Nov. 24 and 27 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €15; ages 12-18 €7.50 and children 11 and younger - free entrance.

**Nov. 23-27**

- **The Country & Christmas Fair near Haarzuilens** at Castle De Haar. The fair has more than 200 stands featuring exclusive articles, attractive accessories and festive novelties. Open: Nov. 23-26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Nov. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry: €20; children (12 to 16), €10. International Art & Antique Fair in Amsterdam - .

**Ongoing**

**Through Dec. 24**

- **Christmas Show in Valkenburg** at Ricos on Hekerweg 37. Only open Fridays, 1 to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 5:30 p.m.

**Through Nov. 20**

- **Spirit of Winter Fair in Apeldoorn** turns the park of Palace Het Loo into a winter garden filled with winter fest ideas. The outdoor fair features crystal, furniture, silver, china, plants and Christmas decorations. Entry is €17.50 (includes palace entrance); children (four to 17) €7.50. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Nov. 18-19, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Remain vigilant, and maintain situational awareness at all times.**